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- 1. AGREE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE HAVE CHAIRMAN PRESENT, AS AMB. LAI IS WELL RESPECTED AND EXPERIENCED GATT MODERATOR. PARTICIPATION BY SOMEONE OF LAI'S ABILITY ANDSTATURE COULD IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE OF US-EC DIALOGUE ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH, AS SEEN FROM TONE OF LATEST EC LETTER (REF(B)), HAS BECOME TESTY. AMB. LAI COULD BE ASKED TO ASSUME ROLE OF BROKER ON PANEL MEMBERSHIP PROPOSED BY EACH SIDE AND TO DIRECT THE PROPOSED JANUARY 13 DISCUSSIONS AS A MODERATOR.
- 2. UNDERSTAND LAI MAY SOON ASSUME POST AS MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO EC IN BRUSSELS WHILE MAINTAINING HIS CURRENT DUTIES IN GENEVA. IF WASHINGTON DECIDES SEEK HIS PARTICIPATION IN JANUARY MEETINGS, BELIEVE WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD APPROACH HIM SOON TO DETERMINE HIS AVAILABILITY.

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